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SUBJECT: POLISH-SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT

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1. REGARDING AN IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION, FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PZPR CC FOREIGN DEPARTMENT BOGUMIL SUJKA SAID THE FOLLOWING IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "INTERNATIONALISM IN ACTION" IN THE FEBRUARY 13, 1973 TRYBUNA LUDU: " THERE ALREADY EXISTS A CUSTOM OF CONCLUDING INTER-PARTY AGREEMENTS, COVERING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A DOCUMENT THE FORM AND EXTENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES. INDEPENDENT OF THESE GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS, AGREEMENTS
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ON INTER-PARTY COOPERATION IN THE IDEOLOGICAL AREA HAVE

BEEN SIGNED. WE HAVE CONCLUDED SO FAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE CPSU, SED, CPCZ AND BCP."

2. LATER IN THE SAME ARTICLE, DEALING WITH THE TOPIC OF IDEOLOGY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SUJKA STRONGLY ATTACKED THE PRC LEADERSHIP. AFTER PRAISING THE RECENT FOREIGN POLISH ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HE COMMENTED: " (THESE ACHIEVEMENTS) COULD BE EVEN GREATER WERE IT NOT FOR THE DIVISIVE POLICIES OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA, WHO ARE GUIDED BY CHAUVINISM AND STRIVE TO REALIZE THEIR GREAT POWER GOALS. OUR OPPONENTS, REALIZING THIS, HAVE EXPLOITED THE SO-CALLED 'CHINA CARD' IN THEIR ANTI-SOCIALIST STRATEGY."

3. COMMENT: SUJKA MENTIONED THE POLISH-SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL AGREEMENT AS AN EXAMPLE OF "AGREEMENT OF INTER-PARTY COOPERATION IN THE IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE" BEING CONCLUDED AMONG SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE IMPLICATION IS THAT AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE A NATURAL ELEMENT IN THE COMPLEX OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENTLY SIGNED IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD-- AND THAT POLAND MAY NOT BE ALONE IN HAVING CONTRACTED WITH THE SOVIETS TO MAINTAIN IDEOLOGICAL PURITY.

4. A BLAST AT THE CHINESE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME A NECESSARY ELEMENT IN PUBLIC IDEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS HERE, BUT SUJKA'S ATTACK ON THE PRC LEADERSHIP, COMING IN THE CONTEXT OF A DISCUSSION OF TIGHTENED IDEOLOGICAL COOPERATION IN THE SOCIALIST WORLD, STRENGTHENS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN, OF WHICH THE VARIOUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SEEM A KEY ELEMENT, HAS STRONG ANTI-CHINESE OVERTONES.
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